

Report on the Ketton History Group Meeting on 16 April 2018

John Collier provided information on the 1841 Census of Ketton and other census information.

The location of some places was discussed and there was a lively discussion on the location of "Poor Row". It was referred to in the 1861 and 1871 censuses. The origin of the name was discussed and it was thought that it could have been in some way related to the Ketton Poor House in Redmiles Lane, which was closed when the responsibilities were passed to the Stamford Union Workhouse in 1836/7.

There was a view that it could have been near Stocks Hill and was co-located with the Bier House. The Empingham Road Cemetery was opened in 1881 and it is thought likely that the Bier House could have been built at the same time.

Other locations discussed were Heath House thought to be located up Empingham Road on the left towards the junction with Fosters Bridge Road. Heath House was mentioned in the 1851 and 1881 censuses. There was also discussion on 'Back Street' (45 residents) in Ketton mentioned in the 1841 census. Aldgate included '10 Cottage Row' and a Flour warehouse.

Finally we discussed the Midland Hotel and its origins.

The next Meeting is at 7.00 pm 14 May 2018 at the Parish Office.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are on 12 Jun, 10 Jul, 13 Aug, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 12 Nov 2018